

CMU REFUSE

November 11, 1993, the board of public works voted to make CMU Refuse service a volume base service. This was done to comply with Senate Bill 530 which required a 40% reduction of landfill material. To comply with the volume-based service CMU started the "Orange Bag Service", this allows customers to be charged "Volume Based" for the amount of trash they produce. There is also a base rate that covers the cost of CMU to provide curbside trash pickup. Any recycling is free to the customer. Large items can be disposed of during the City-Wide Cleanup days in April stay tuned to www.cmuchillicothe.com for dates.

All residential trash must be placed inside a CMU orange trash bag.

Recycling

CMU offers recycling to residential customers. CMU has partnered with Hope Haven Industries the local sheltered workshop. CMU collects the recycled items on customers assigned trash day and transports it to Hope Haven. We currently have a split packer residential truck that has two compartments, one for trash and one for recycling. If this truck is out for repair or service, we will run two trucks. One for trash and one for recycling. When we run two trucks this staggers the pickup times, and it may be hours in between pickups.

Glass: Glass must be disposed of in an orange bag. Hope Haven does not recycle glass.

Metal: All aluminum and tin, which includes coffee cans, fruit and vegetable cans, soup cans, etc. are acceptable. All metal must be rinsed out and free of debris.

Plastic: Any plastic item with a recyclable seal marked with a #1 such as peanut butter jars, vegetable oil bottles, and includes all soda bottles. Also, any plastic item with a recyclable seal marked with a #2 HDPE ("natural" color or dyed high-density polyethylene) including milk and water jugs, juice, and bleach bottles. All plastic must be rinsed and free of debris.

Paper: Cardboard, newspapers, magazines, books, junk mail, wax-covered paper, and mixed paper products. Paper needs to be clean, free of food and debris, and dry. (Diapers, napkins, paper towel, toilet tissue and facial tissue paper are not accepted).

Any recycling that is set out in non-transparent bags will be opened to inspect the contents before pickup. If there are non-recyclables in the bag the entire bag will be left. If the recycling is in a tote or box, the unrecyclable items will be left in the container.

The following are **NOT** recyclable at CMU: Glass, Styrofoam, Tissue Paper, Paper Towels, Diapers, Plastic Bags, Insulation, Packing Peanuts, Plastic Strapping, Pet Food Containers, Cold Packs, Paper with oil or food stains.